

(formerly 9-331c)

**UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK**

1a TYPE OF WORK DRILL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEEPEN <input type="checkbox"/> PLUG BACK <input type="checkbox"/>			5 LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NO <b>UTU-76768</b>	
B TYPE OF WELL OIL WELL <input type="checkbox"/> GAS WELL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE ZONE <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ZONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			6 IF INDIAN ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME <b>na</b>	
2 NAME OF OPERATOR <b>The Houston Exploration Company</b>			7 UNIT AGREEMENT NAME <b>na</b>	
3 ADDRESS OF OPERATORS <b>1100 Louisiana, Suite 2000 Houston, TX, 77002</b>			8 FARM OR LEASE NAME <b>na</b>	
4 LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirement) at surface <b>952' FNL &amp; 1898' FEL NWNE</b> At proposed prod. Zone <b>same as above</b>			9 WELL NO <b>North horseshoe 2-18-6-22</b>	
14 DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE <b>14.45 miles south of Vernal, UT</b>			10 FIELD OR LEASE NAME <b>Undesignated Wildcat</b>	
15 DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOC. TO NEAREST PROP. OR LEASE LINE, FT. (Also to nearest drlg. Unit line, if any) <b>952'</b>			11 Sec. T., R., M. OR BLK <b>Sec. 18, T6S, R22E</b>	
16 DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION * TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING COMPLETED OR APPLIED FOR ON THIS LEASE, FT <b>1,700'</b>			12 COUNTY OR PARISH <b>Uintah</b>	
17 NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE <b>2,040</b>			13 STATE <b>Utah</b>	
18 NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED TO THIS WELL <b>40</b>			20 ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS <b>Rotary</b>	
21 ELEVATION (SHOW WHETHER DF, RT, GR, etc.) <b>4869' GR</b>			22 APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START <b>5,20,2006</b>	

**PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENT PROGRAM**

SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
<b>11"</b>	<b>8 5/8"</b>	<b>36#</b>	<b>2000'</b>	<b>238 sks</b>
<b>7 7/8"</b>	<b>4 1/2"</b>	<b>11.6#</b>	<b>T.D.</b>	<b>1,077 sks</b>

**The operator requests permission to drill the subject well. Please find the attached 10 point plan and 13 point plan.**

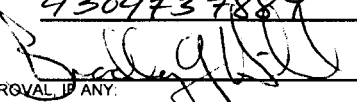
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290 S 800 E  
Vernal, UT 84078  
435-789-0968**

**Federal Approval of this  
Action is Necessary**

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposed in to deepen or plug back, give data on proposed productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directional, give pertinent data on subsurface location and measure and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

24	 <b>William A. Ryan</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Feb. 21, 2006</b>
SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE	

(This space for Federal or State Office use)

PERMIT NO. <b>430473 7889</b>	APPROVAL DATE
APPROVED BY  CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:	TITLE <b>BRADLEY G. HILL</b> <b>ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER</b> DATE <b>03-13-06</b>

**\*See Instructions on Reverse Side**

Title 18 U. S. C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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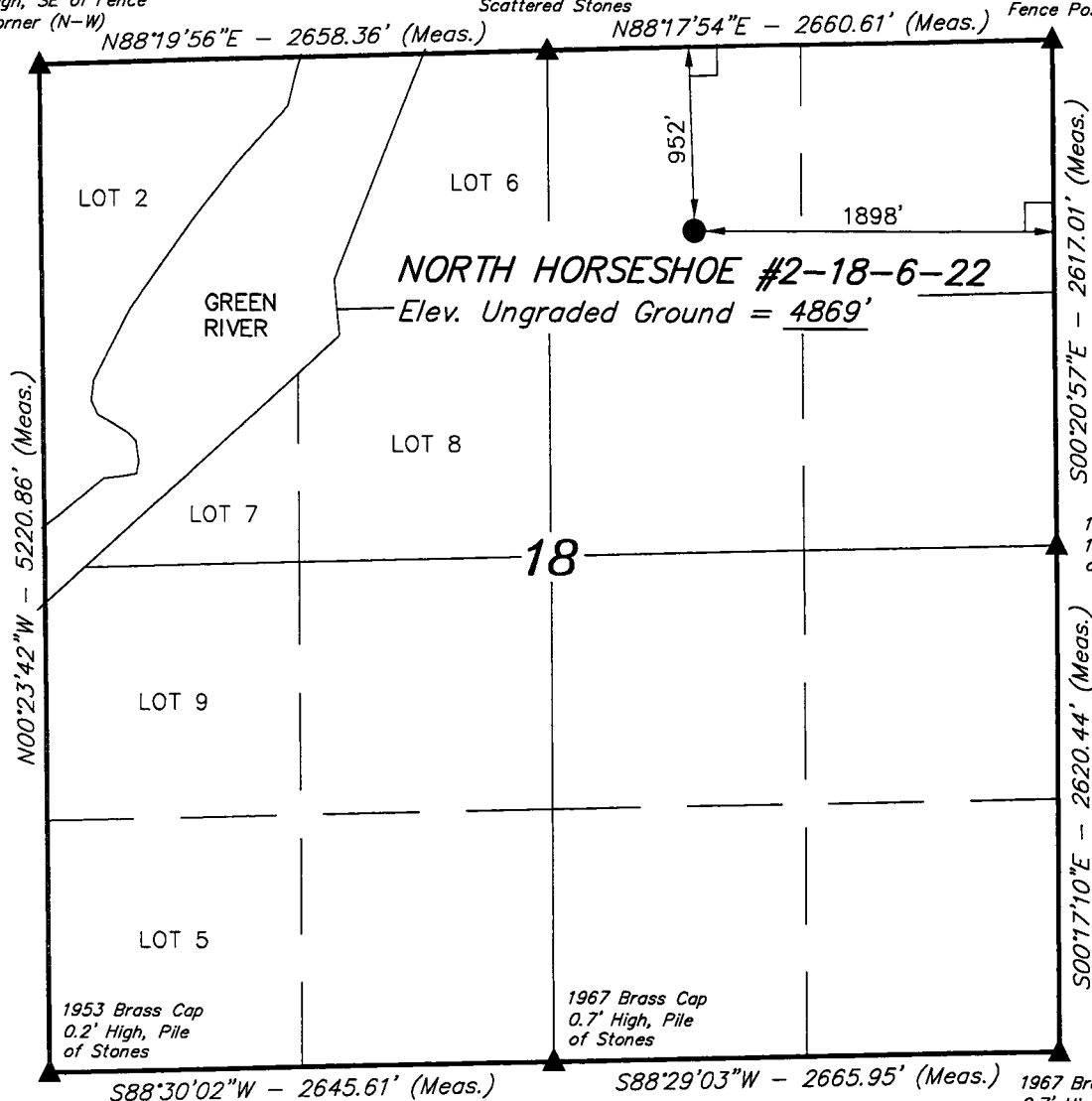
DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

**T6S, R22E, S.L.B.&M.**

1920 Brass Cap 0.6'  
High, SE of Fence  
Corner (N-W)

1967 Brass Cap  
0.7' High,  
Scattered Stones

1967 Brass Cap  
0.4' High, Pile  
of Stones,  
Fence Post



## THE HOUSTON EXPLORATION COMPANY

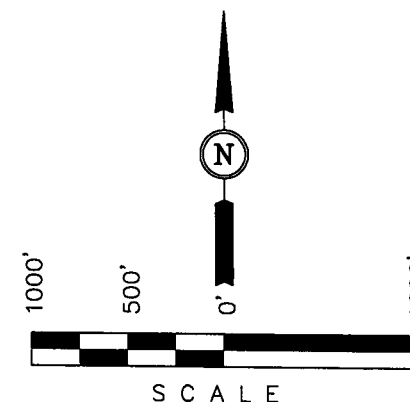
Well location, NORTH HORSESHOE #2-18-6-22, located as shown in the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 18, T6S, R22E, S.L.B.&M. Uintah County, Utah.

### BASIS OF ELEVATION

SPOT ELEVATION LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 18, T6S, R22E, S.L.B.&M. TAKEN FROM THE RASMUSSEN HOLLOW, QUADRANGLE, UTAH, UTAH COUNTY, 7.5 MINUTE QUAD. (TOPOGRAPHIC MAP) PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. SAID ELEVATION IS MARKED AS BEING 4738 FEET.

### BASIS OF BEARINGS

BASIS OF BEARINGS IS A G.P.S. OBSERVATION.



### CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE PLAT WAS PREPARED FROM FIELD NOTES OF ACTUAL SURVEYS MADE BY ME OR UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND THAT THE SAME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR  
REGISTRATION NO. 161319  
STATE OF UTAH

REV: 1-31-06 E.C.O.

**UINTAH ENGINEERING & LAND SURVEYING**  
85 SOUTH 200 EAST - VERNAL, UTAH 84078  
(435) 789-1017

SCALE 1" = 1000'	DATE SURVEYED: 11-05-05	DATE DRAWN: 11-10-05
PARTY N.H. D.S. E.C.O.	REFERENCES G.L.O. PLAT	
WEATHER COLD	FILE THE HOUSTON EXPLORATION COMPANY	

### LEGEND:

- └─┘ = 90° SYMBOL
- = PROPOSED WELL HEAD.
- ▲ = SECTION CORNERS LOCATED.

(AUTONOMOUS NAD 83)  
LATITUDE = 40°18'13.21" (40.303669)  
LONGITUDE = 109°28'59.27" (109.483131)  
(AUTONOMOUS NAD 27)  
LATITUDE = 40°18'13.34" (40.303706)  
LONGITUDE = 109°28'56.79" (109.482442)

February 21, 2006

RE: The Houston Exploration Company  
North Horseshoe 2-18-6-22  
Sec. 18, T6S, R22E

Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1549 West North Temple, Suite 1210  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Houston Exploration Company respectfully requests a spacing exception for the subject location. The well has been moved from the center of the forty-acre spacing.

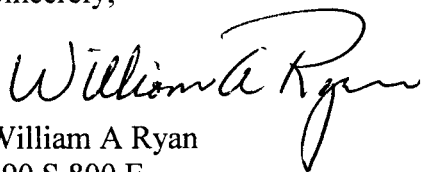
The well is located at 952' FNL & 1898' FEL, which has changed from the proposed location at 660' FNL & 1980' FEL.

The location was moved due to an onsite request by the BLM, Vernal Field Office. Please find the attached plat maps.

The Houston Exploration Company is the only lease owner within a 460 foot radius.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William A. Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" being the most prominent part.

William A Ryan  
290 S 800 E  
Vernal, UT 84078  
435-789-0968

## **Ten Point Plan**

### **The Houston Exploration Company**

#### **North Horseshoe 2-18-6-22**

**Surface Location NW ¼ NE ¼, Section 18, T. 6S., R. 22E.**

**1. Surface Formation  
Duchesne**

**2. Estimated Formation Tops and Datum:**

<u>Formation</u>	<u>Depth</u>	<u>Datum</u>
Duchesne	Surface	4,869' G.L.
Uintah	1,800'	+3,069'
Green River	3,800'	+1,069'
Wasatch	6,900'	-2,031'
Mesaverde	10,000'	-5,131'
TD	10,500'	-5,631'

A 11" hole will be drilled to 2,000' +/- . The hole depth will depend on the depth that the Birds Nest Zone is encountered. The hole will be drilled 400' beyond the top of the Birds Nest.

**3. Producing Formation Depth:**

Formation objective includes the Green River, Wasatch, Mesaverde and its sub-members.

Off set well information

Permitted/Drilled:

North Horseshoe 16-18-6-22

North Horseshoe 14-18-6-22

North Horseshoe 10-18-6-22

North Horseshoe 8-18-6-22

#### 4. Proposed Casing:

<u>Hole Size</u>	<u>Casing Size</u>	<u>Weight/FT</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Coupling &amp; Tread</u>	<u>Casing Depth</u>	<u>New/Used</u>
11	8 5/8	36#	J-55	STC	2000	NEW
7 7/8	4 1/2	11.6#	N-80	LTC	T.D.	NEW

#### Cement Program:

Cement volume = Gauge hole + 25%

**The Surface Casing will be cemented from 2000' to the Surface as follows:**

<u>Casing Size</u>	<u>Cement Type</u>	<u>Cement Amounts</u>	<u>Cement Yield</u>	<u>Cement Weight</u>
Conductor: 0' - 40'				
14"	Premium "5"	35 sks. +/-	1.18ft <sup>3</sup> /sk	15.6 ppg
Lead: 0' - 1,300'				
8 5/8"	Premium "5"	87 sks. +/-	3.82ft <sup>3</sup> /sk	11.0 ppg
Tail: 1,300' - 2,000'				
8 5/8"	Premium "5"	151 sks. +/-	1.2ft <sup>3</sup> /sk	15.6 ppg

NOTE:

Cement top for tail = Trona + 200'

**Production casing will be cemented to 200' inside surface casing or higher as follows:**

<u>Casing Size</u>	<u>Cement Type</u>	<u>Cement Amounts</u>	<u>Cement Yield</u>	<u>Cement Weight</u>
Lead: 1,800' - 6,700'				
4 1/2"	Premium "5"	421 sks +/-	3.82ft <sup>3</sup> /sk	11.0 ppg
Tail: 6,700' - TD				
4 1/2"	Premium "5"	656 sks +/-	1.18ft <sup>3</sup> /sk	15.6 ppg

NOTE:

Cement top for tail = Wasatch + 200'

## 5. BOP and Pressure Containment Data:

The anticipated bottom hole pressure will be less than 3000 psi.

A 3000-psi WP BOP system as described in the BOP and Pressure Containment Data (attached) will be installed and maintained from the 8 5/8" surface casing. The BOP system including the casing will be pressure tested to minimum standards set forth in "On Shore Order #2". The BOP will be mechanically checked daily during the drilling operation.

## 6. Mud Program:

<u>Interval</u>	<u>Mud weight lbs./gal.</u>	<u>Viscosity Sec./OT.</u>	<u>Fluid Loss Ml/30 Mins.</u>	<u>Mud Type</u>
0-2000	Air/Clear Water	-----	No Control	Water/Gel
2000-T.D.	8.4-12.0	30	8-10	Water/Gel

## 7. Auxiliary Equipment

Upper Kelly cock, full opening stabbing valve, 2 1/2" choke manifold and pit level indicator.

## 8. Testing, Coring, Sampling and Logging:

- a) Test: None are anticipated.
- b) Coring: There is the possibility of sidewall coring.
- c) Sampling: Every 10' from 2000' to T.D.
- d) Logging:

Type	Interval
DLL/SFL W/GR and SP	T.D. to Surf. Csg
FDC/CNL W/GR and CAL	T.D. to Surf. Csg

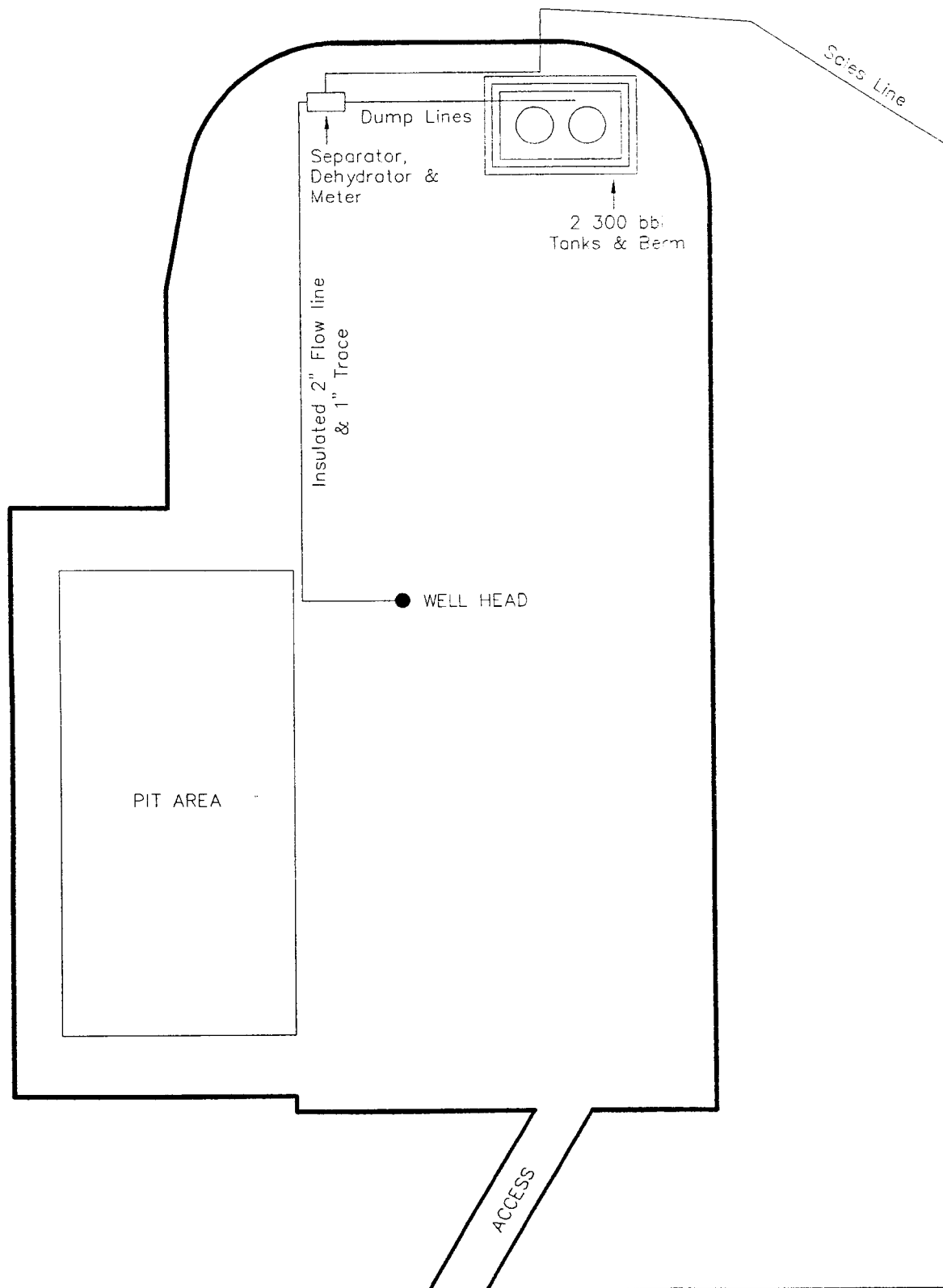
**9. Abnormalities (including sour gas):**

No abnormal pressures, temperatures or other hazards are anticipated. Oil and gas shows are anticipated in the Wasatch Formation. Other wells drilled in the area have not encountered over pressured zones or H<sub>2</sub>S.

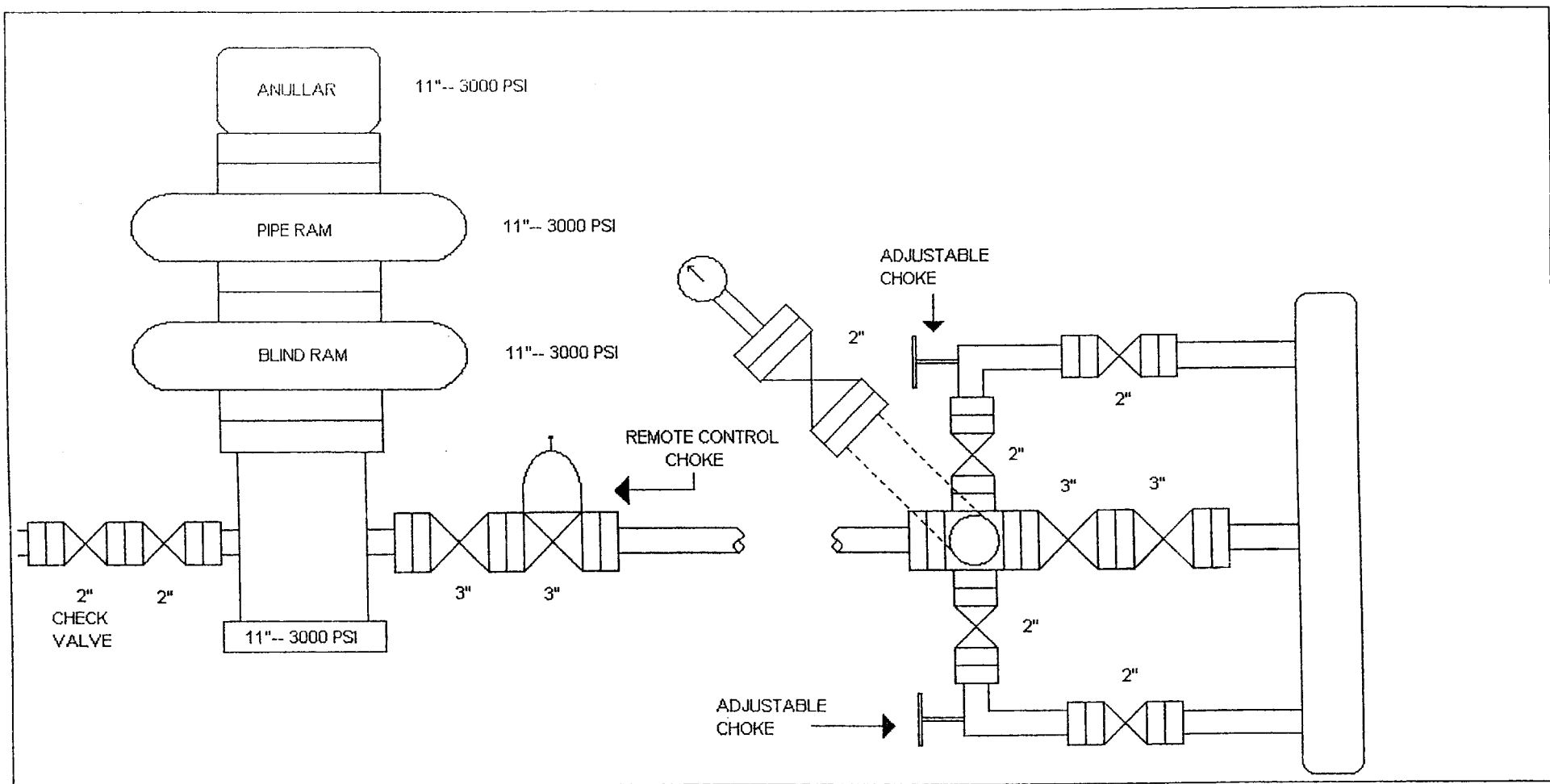
**10. Drilling Schedule:**

The anticipated starting date is 5/20/2006. Duration of operations is expected to be 30 days.

# TYPICAL PRODUCTION LAYOUT







**THE HOUSTON EXPLORATION COMPANY**

**13 POINT SURFACE USE PLAN**

**FOR WELL**

**NORTH HORSESHOE 2-18-6-22**

**LOCATED IN NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$**

**SECTION 18, T.6S, R22E, S.L.B.&M.**

**UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH**

**LEASE NUMBER: UTU-76768**

**SURFACE OWNERSHIP: FEDERAL**

1. Existing Roads:

**The Houston Exploration Co.  
North Horseshoe 2-18-6-22  
Section 18, T6S, R 22E**

**Starting in Vernal, Utah: Proceed in an easterly, then southerly direction from Vernal, Utah along U.S. Highway 40 approximately 3.9 miles to the junction of State Highway 45; exit right and proceed in a southerly, then southeasterly direction approximately 9.2 miles on State Highway 45 to the junction of this road and an existing road to the west; turn right and proceed in a westerly direction approximately 0.25 miles to the beginning of the proposed access for the #10-18-6-22 to the northeast; follow road flags in a northeasterly, then northerly direction approximately 0.35 miles to the beginning of the proposed access for the #16-18-6-22 to the north; follow road flags in a northerly, then northwesterly direction approximately 0.15 miles to the beginning of the proposed access to the north; follow road flags in a northerly, then northwesterly direction approximately 0.6 miles to the proposed location.**

**Total distance from Vernal, Utah to the proposed well location is approximately 14.45 miles.**

All existing roads to the proposed location are State of Utah, BLM maintained or County Class D roads. Please see the attached map for additional details.

2. Planned access road

**The proposed access road will be approximately 3,168' of new construction on lease. The road will be graded once per year minimum and maintained.**

A) Approximate length	3168 ft
B) Right of Way width	30 ft
C) Running surface	18 ft
D) Surface material	Native soil
E) Maximum grade	5%
F) Fence crossing	None
G) Culvert	None
H) Turnouts	None
I) Major cuts and fills	None
J) Road Flagged	Yes
K) Access road surface ownership	Federal
L) All new construction on lease	Yes
M) Pipe line crossing	None

Please see the attached location plat for additional details.

**An off lease right-of-way will not be required.**

All surface disturbances for the road and location will be within the lease boundary.

3. Location of existing wells

The following wells are located within a one-mile radius of the location site.

A) Producing well	None
B) Water well	None
C) Abandoned well	None
D) Temp. abandoned well	None
E) Disposal well	None
F) Drilling /Permitted well	

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North Horseshoe 10-18-6-22  
North Horseshoe 16-18-6-22  
North Horseshoe 16-7-6-22  
North Horseshoe 10-7-6-22  
North Horseshoe 12-7-6-22

G) Shut in wells                      None  
H) Injection well                      None  
I) Monitoring or observation well  
   None

Please see the attached map for additional details.

4. Location of tank batteries, production facilities and production gathering service lines.

All production facilities are to be contained within the proposed location site. Please see the attached plat plan for a typical gas well separator installation and well site piping.

All permanent (on site for more than six months or longer) structures constructed or installed will be painted a **Carlsbad Canyon** color. Facilities required to comply with O.S.H.A. (Occupational Safety and Health Act) will be excluded. The required paint color is **Carlsbad Canyon**.

All tanks will be surrounded by a dike of sufficient capacity to contain the storage capacity of the largest tank in the battery. The integrity of the dike will be maintained.

The operator will adhere to all site security guidelines and regulation identified in 43 CFR 3126.7.

All off lease storage, off lease measurement, commingling on lease or off lease, of production, will have prior written approval from the authorized officer.

If the well is capable of economic production a surface gas line will be required.

**Approximately 2,950' of 3" steel buried gas gathering line would be constructed on Federal Lands. The line will tie into a proposed pipeline in Section 18, T6S, R22E. The pipeline would be buried to the southeast of the location and adjacent to the access road.**

**An off lease right-of-way will not be required.**

**Please see the attached location diagrams for pipeline location.**

The gas meter run will be located within 500' of the wellhead. The gas line will be buried or anchored down from the wellhead to the meter. Meter runs will be housed and/or fenced.

The gas meter will be calibrated and the tank strapped in place prior to any deliveries. Tests for meter accuracy will be conducted monthly for the first three months on new meter installations and at least quarterly thereafter. The authorized officer will be provided with a date and time for the initial meter calibration and all future meter-proving schedules. A copy of the meter calibration report will be submitted to the BLM's Vernal District office and State of Utah,

Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.  
All measurement facilities will conform to API (American Petroleum Institute) and AGA (American Gas Association) standards for gas and liquid hydrocarbon measurement.

5. Location and type of water supply

**Water for drilling and cementing will come from The Green River Permit # T-76073.**

6. Source of construction materials

All construction material for this location site and access road shall be borrow material accumulated during construction of the location site and access road. Additional road gravel or pit lining material will be obtained from private resources.

7. Methods for handling waste disposal

A) Pit construction and liners:

The reserve pit will be approximately **12 ft.** deep and most of the depth shall be below the surface of the existing ground. Please see the attached plat for details.

The reserve pit will be lined.

The reserve pit will be used to store water for drilling. A semi-closed system will be used to drill the well. All fresh water for drilling will come from a frac tank placed on location and from

the rig tank. The pit will be used to hold non-flammable materials such as cuttings, salt, drilling fluids, chemicals, produced fluids, etc.

B) Produced fluids:

Produced water will be confined to the reserve pit, or if deemed necessary, a storage tank for a period not to exceed 90 days after initial production. During the 90-day period an application for approval for permanent disposal method and location will be submitted to the authorized officer. **Evaporation may be used instead of trucking to facilitate closing and reclamation of the reserve pit. A pumping system would be used for evaporation.**

C) Garbage:

A trash cage fabricated from expanded metal will be used to hold trash on location and will be removed to an authorized landfill location.

D) Sewage:

A portable chemical toilet will be supplied for human waste.

E) Site clean-up:

After the rig is moved off the location the well site area will be cleaned and all refuse removed.

8. Ancillary facilities

There are no ancillary facilities planned at this time and none are foreseen for the future.

9. Well-site layout

Location dimensions are as follows:

A) Pad length	345 ft.
B) Pad width	245 ft.
C) Pit depth	12 ft.
D) Pit length	150 ft.
E) Pit width	75 ft.
F) Max cut	14.4 ft.
G) Max fill	3.6 ft.
H) Total cut yds.	7,070 cu yds
I) Pit location	South end
J) Top soil location	West end
K) Access road location	East end
L) Flare Pit	Corner C

Please see the attached location diagram for additional details.

All pits will be fenced according to the following minimum standards:

- A) Thirty nine inch net wire shall be used with at least one strand of wire on top of the net wire. Barbed wire is not necessary if pipe or some type of reinforcement rod is attached to the top of the entire fence.
- B) The net wire shall be no more than 2 inches above the ground. The barbed wire shall be 3 inches above the net wire. Total height of the fence shall be at least 42 inches.

C) Corner posts shall be cemented and/or braced in such a manner to keep the fence tight at all times.

D) Standard steel, wood or pipe posts shall be used between the corner braces. Maximum distance between any two posts shall be no greater than 16 ft.

E) All wire shall be stretched by using a stretching device before it is attached to the corner posts.

10. Plans for restoration of the surface

Prior to construction of the location, the top 6 inches of soil material will be stripped off the location and the pit area. The topsoil removed and piled will amount to approximately 1,600 cubic yards of material. Topsoil will be stockpiled in one distinct pile. Placement of the topsoil is noted on the attached location plat. The topsoil pile from the location will be seeded as soon as the soil is stock piled with the seed mix listed. When all drilling and completion activities have been completed and the pit back-filled the topsoil from the pit area will be spread on the pit area. The pit area will be seeded when the soil has been spread. **The unused portion of the location (the area outside the dead men) will be re-contoured.**

The dirt contractor will be provided with an approved copy of the surface use plan prior to construction activities.

Changes to the drainage during the construction activities shall be restored to its original line of flow or as near as possible when the pit is back-filled

All disturbed areas will be re-contoured to the approximate natural contours. Prior to back filling the pit the fences around the reserve pit will be removed.

The reserve pit will be reclaimed within 90 days of well completion. If the reserve pit has not dried sufficiently to allow back filling, an extension on the time requirement for back filling the pit will be requested. Once reclamation activities have begun, they shall be completed within 30 days.

After the reserve pit has been reclaimed, no depressions in the soil covering the reserve pit will be allowed. The objective is to keep seasonal rainfall and run off from seeping into the soil used to cover the reserve pit. Diversion ditches and water bars will be used to divert the run off as needed.

When restoration activities have been completed, the location site and new access road cuts and shoulders shall be reseeded. Prior to reseeding, all disturbed areas will be scarified and left with a rough surface.

**A) Seeding dates:**

Seed will be spread when topsoil is stock piled and when reclamation work is performed.

The seed mix and quantity list will be used whether the seed is broadcast or drilled.

**B) Seed Mix**

**4#/acre Indian Rice Grass**

**4#/acre Crested Wheat Grass**

**4#/acre Needle & Thread Grass**

**11. Surface ownership:**

<b>Access road</b>	<b>Federal</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Federal</b>
<b>Pipe line</b>	<b>Federal</b>

**12. Other information:**

**A) Vegetation**

The vegetation coverage is Slight. The majority of the existing vegetation consists of non-native species. Rabbit brush, bitter brush, and Indian Rice grass and Sagebrush are also found on the location.

**B) Dwellings:**

There are no dwellings or other facilities within a one-mile radius of the location.

**C) Archeology:**

The location has been surveyed. A copy of that survey will be forwarded to your office.

If, during operations, any archaeological or historical sites, or any objects of antiquity (subject to the antiquities act of

June 8, 1906) are discovered, all operations, which would affect such sites, will be suspended and the discovery reported promptly to the surface management agency.

Within five (5) business days after the new well begins, or production resumes after well has been off production for more than 90 days.

D) Water:

**The nearest water is the Green River located 1,500' to the West.**

E) Chemicals:

No pesticides, herbicides or other possible hazardous chemicals will be used without prior application.

F) Notification:

- a) Location Construction  
At least forty eight (48) hours prior to construction of location and access roads.
- b) Location completion  
Prior to moving on the drilling rig.
- c) Spud notice  
At least twenty-four (24) hours prior to spudding the well.
- d) Casing string and cementing  
At least twenty-four (24) hours prior to running casing and cementing all casing strings.
- e) BOP and related equipment tests  
At least twenty-four (24) hours prior to initial pressure tests.
- f) First production notice

G) Flare pit:

The flare pit will be located in **corner C** of the reserve pit outside the pit fences and 100 feet from the bore hole on the east side of the location. All fluids will be removed from the pit within 48 hours of occurrence.

13. Lessees or Operator's representative and certification

A) Representative

William A. Ryan  
Rocky Mountain Consulting  
290 S 800 E  
Vernal, UT 84078

Office 435-789-0968  
Fax 435-789-0970  
Cellular 435-828-0968

All lease and/or unit operations will be conducted in such a manner that full compliance is made with all applicable laws, regulations, onshore oil and gas orders, and any applicable notices to lessees. The operator is fully responsible for the actions of his subcontractors. A copy of these conditions will be furnished to the field representative to ensure compliance.



This drilling permit will be valid for a period of one year from the date of approval. After permit termination, a new application will be filed for approval for any future operations.

**B) Certification:**

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill-site and access route that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist, that the statements made in this plan are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct, and that the work associated with the operation proposed herein will be preformed by The Houston Exploration Company and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and terms and conditions with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved.

**Onsite Dates:** 1/12/06

**Self Certification Statement**

**The following self-certification statement is provided per Federal requirements dated June 15, 1988.**

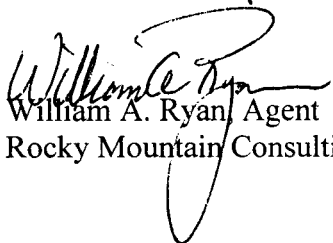
**Please be advised that The Houston Exploration Company is considered to be the operator of the following well:**

**North Horseshoe #2-18-6-22  
Section 18, T. 6S, R. 22E  
NW ¼ of the NE ¼  
Lease UTU-76768  
Uintah County, Utah**

**The Houston Exploration Company is responsible under the terms and conditions of the lease for the operations conducted upon the lease lands.**

**Bond UTU-104155044 provides state-wide bond coverage on all Federal Lands.**

Date 2/21/06

  
William A. Ryan, Agent  
Rocky Mountain Consulting

### **Statement of use of Hazardous Materials**

No chemical(s) from the EPA's consolidated list of Chemicals subject to Reporting under Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization, Act (SARA) of 1986 will be used, produced, transported, stored, disposed, or associated with the proposed action. No extremely hazardous substances, as defined in 40 cfr 355, will be used, produced, stored, transported, disposed, or associated with the proposed action.

If you require additional information please contact:

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# THE HOUSTON EXPLORATION COMPANY

NORTH HORSESHOE #2-18-6-22

LOCATED IN UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH

SECTION 18, T6S, R22E, S.L.B.&M.

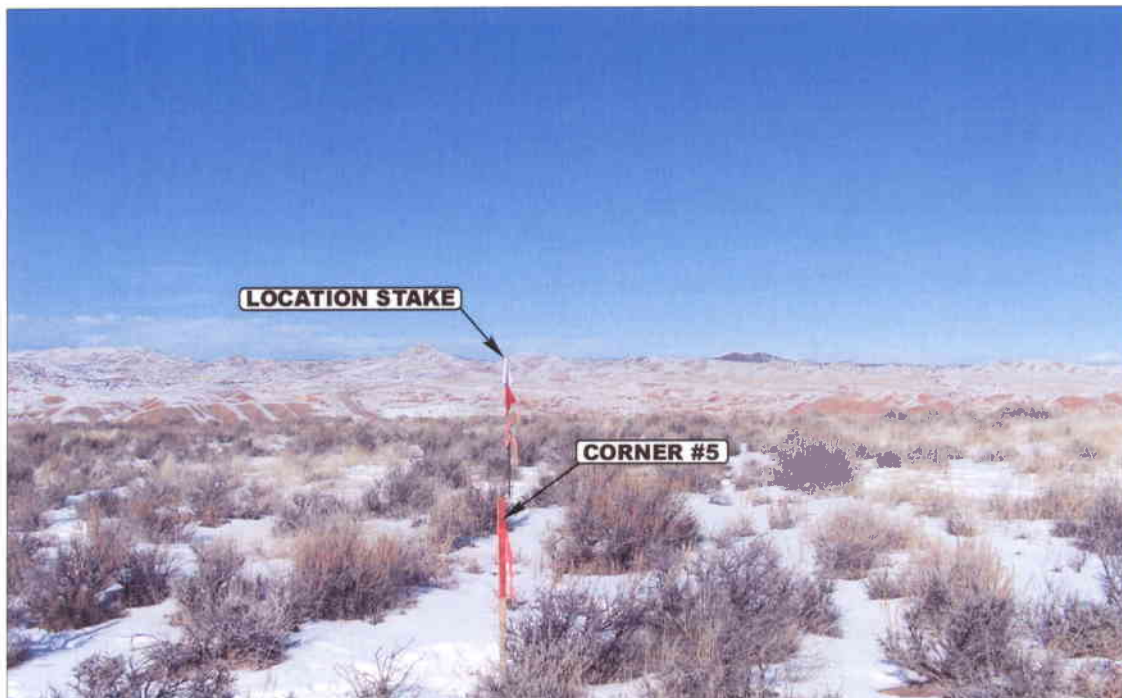


PHOTO: VIEW FROM CORNER #5 TO LOCATION STAKE

CAMERA ANGLE: NORTHERLY



PHOTO: VIEW FROM BEGINNING OF PROPOSED ACCESS

CAMERA ANGLE: NORTHEASTERLY



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LOCATION PHOTOS

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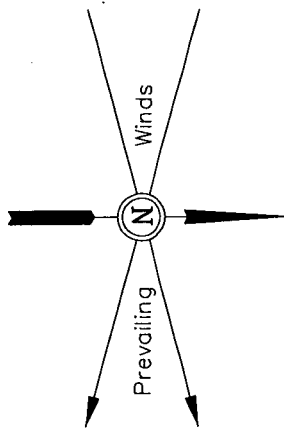
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## LOCATION LAYOUT FOR

NORTH HORSESHOE #2-18-6-22

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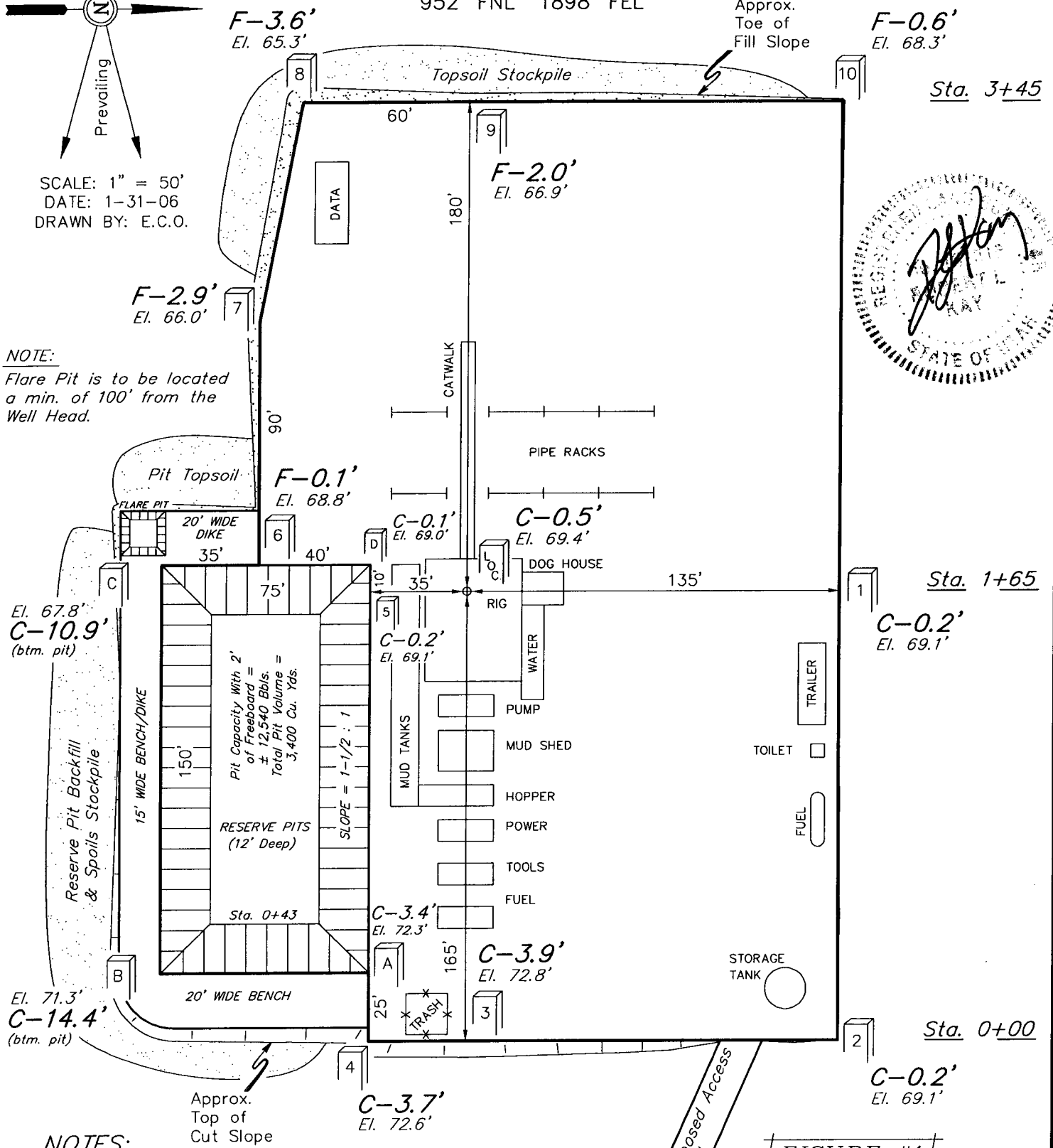
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### NOTE:

Flare Pit is to be located a min. of 100' from the Well Head.



### NOTES:

Elev. Ungraded Ground At Loc. Stake = 4869.4'

FINISHED GRADE ELEV. AT LOC. STAKE = 4868.9'

FIGURE #1

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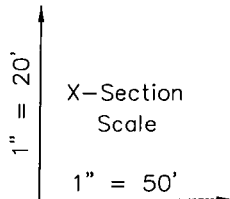
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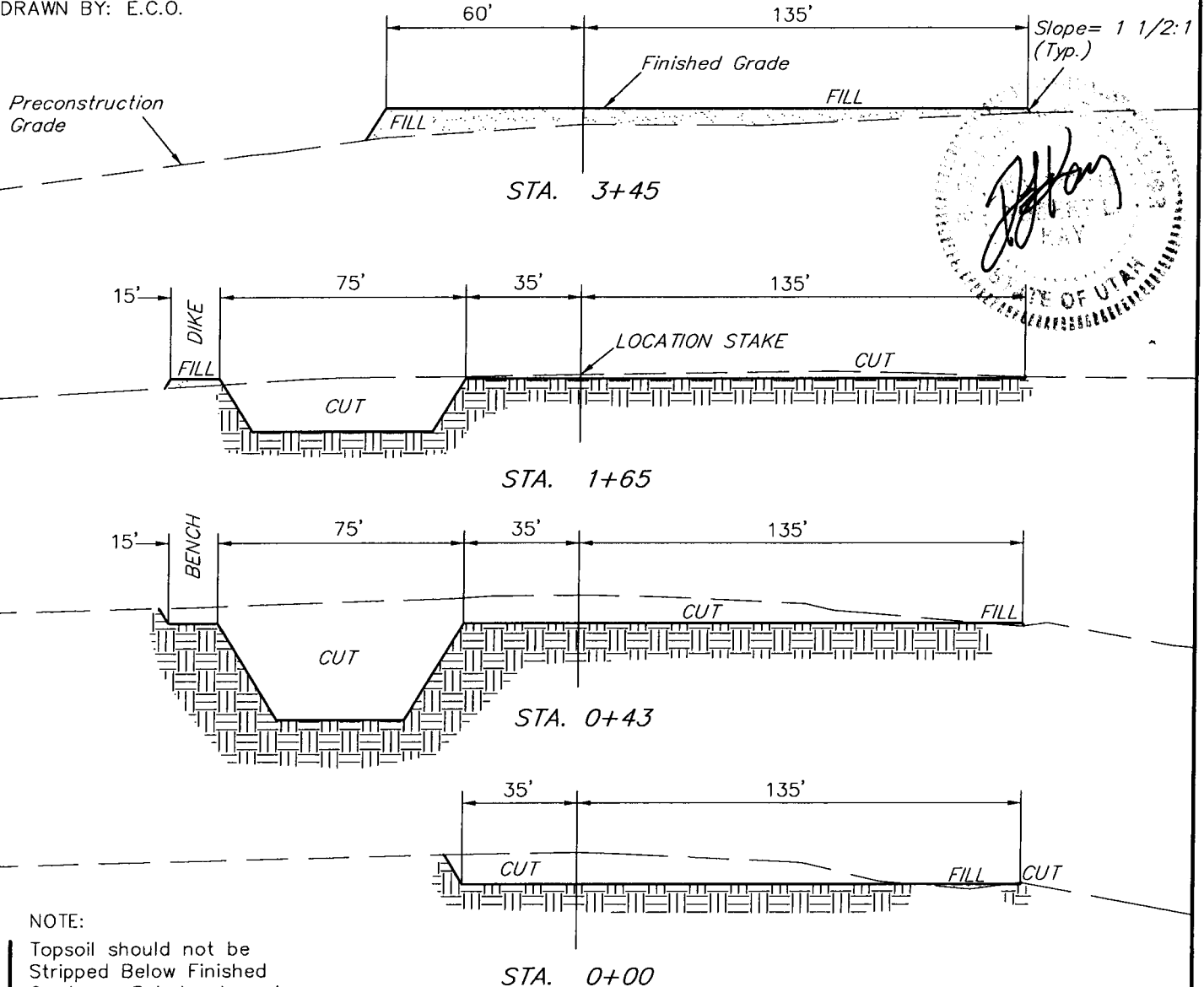
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\* NOTE:  
FILL QUANTITY INCLUDES  
5% FOR COMPACTION

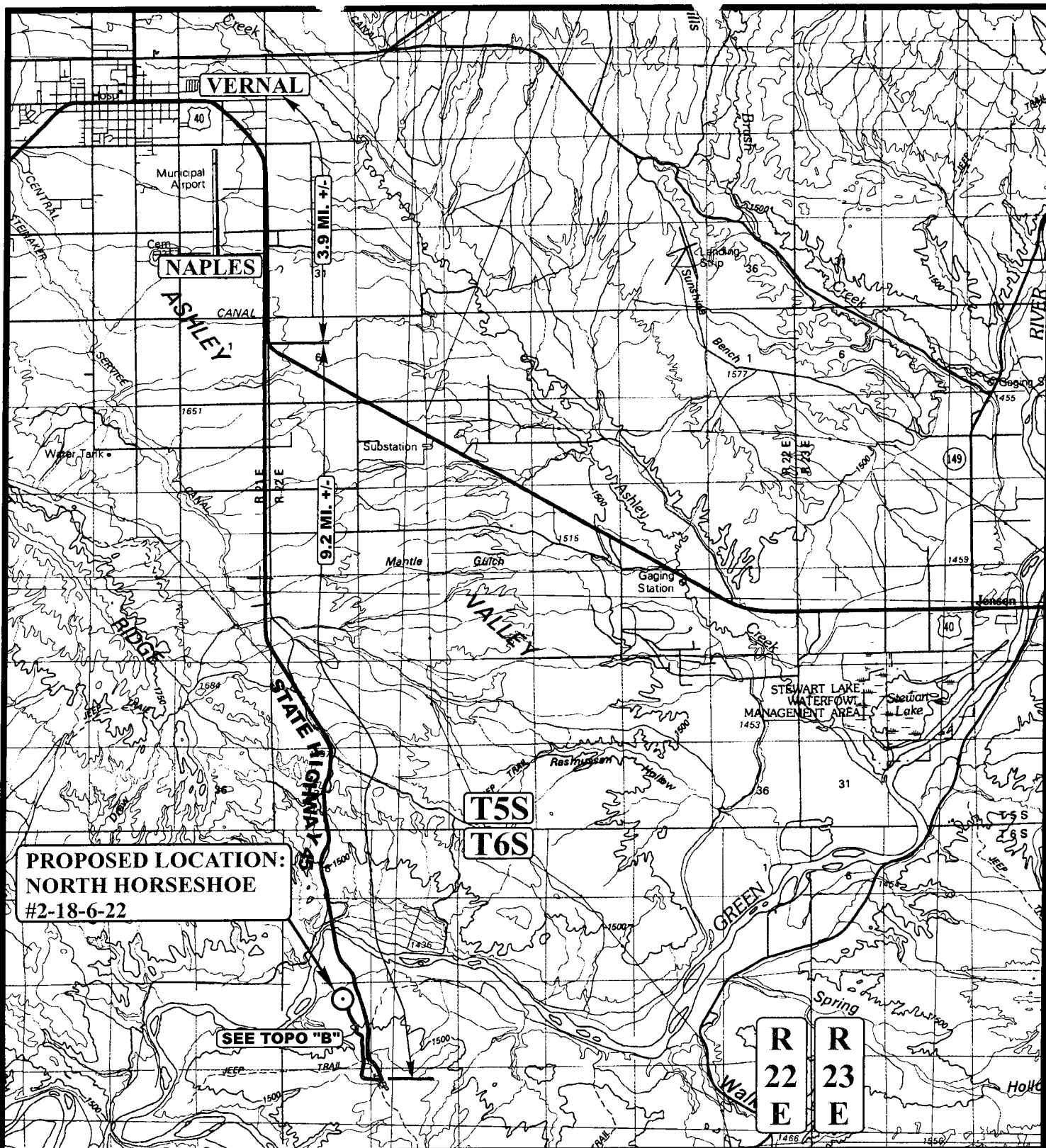
### APPROXIMATE YARDAGES

CUT	
(6") Topsoil Stripping	= 1,600 Cu. Yds.
Remaining Location	= 5,470 Cu. Yds.
TOTAL CUT	= 7,070 CU.YDS.
FILL	= 2,220 CU.YDS.

### FIGURE #2

EXCESS MATERIAL	= 4,850 Cu. Yds.
Topsoil & Pit Backfill (1/2 Pit Vol.)	= 3,300 Cu. Yds.
EXCESS UNBALANCE (After Rehabilitation)	= 1,550 Cu. Yds.

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**PROPOSED LOCATION:  
NORTH HORSESHOE  
#2-18-6-22**

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# **LEGEND:**

○ PROPOSED LOCATION

## **THE HOUSTON EXPLORATION COMPANY**

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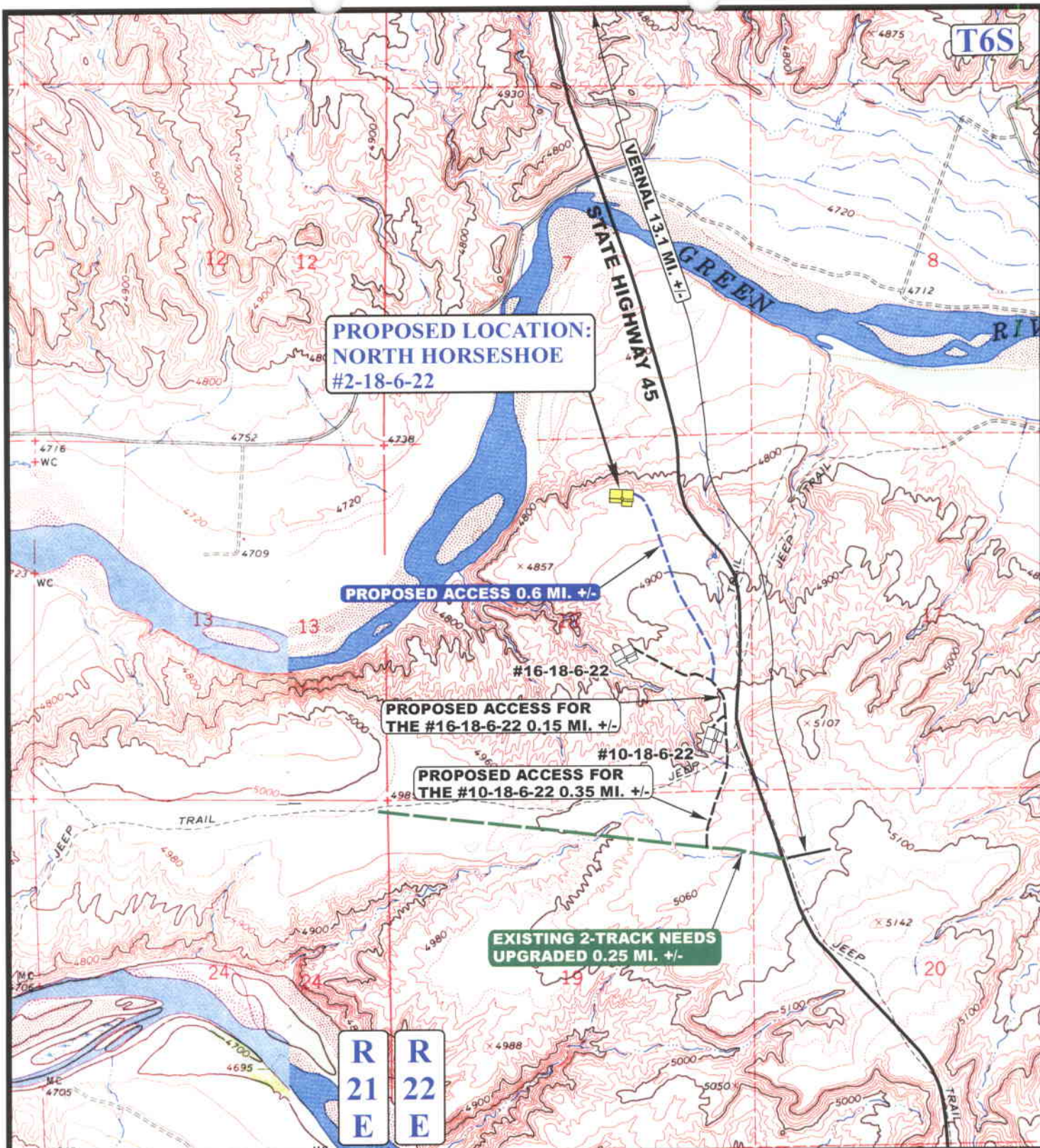
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# LEGEND:

	EXISTING ROAD
	PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD
	EXISTING 2-TRACK NEEDS UPGRADED



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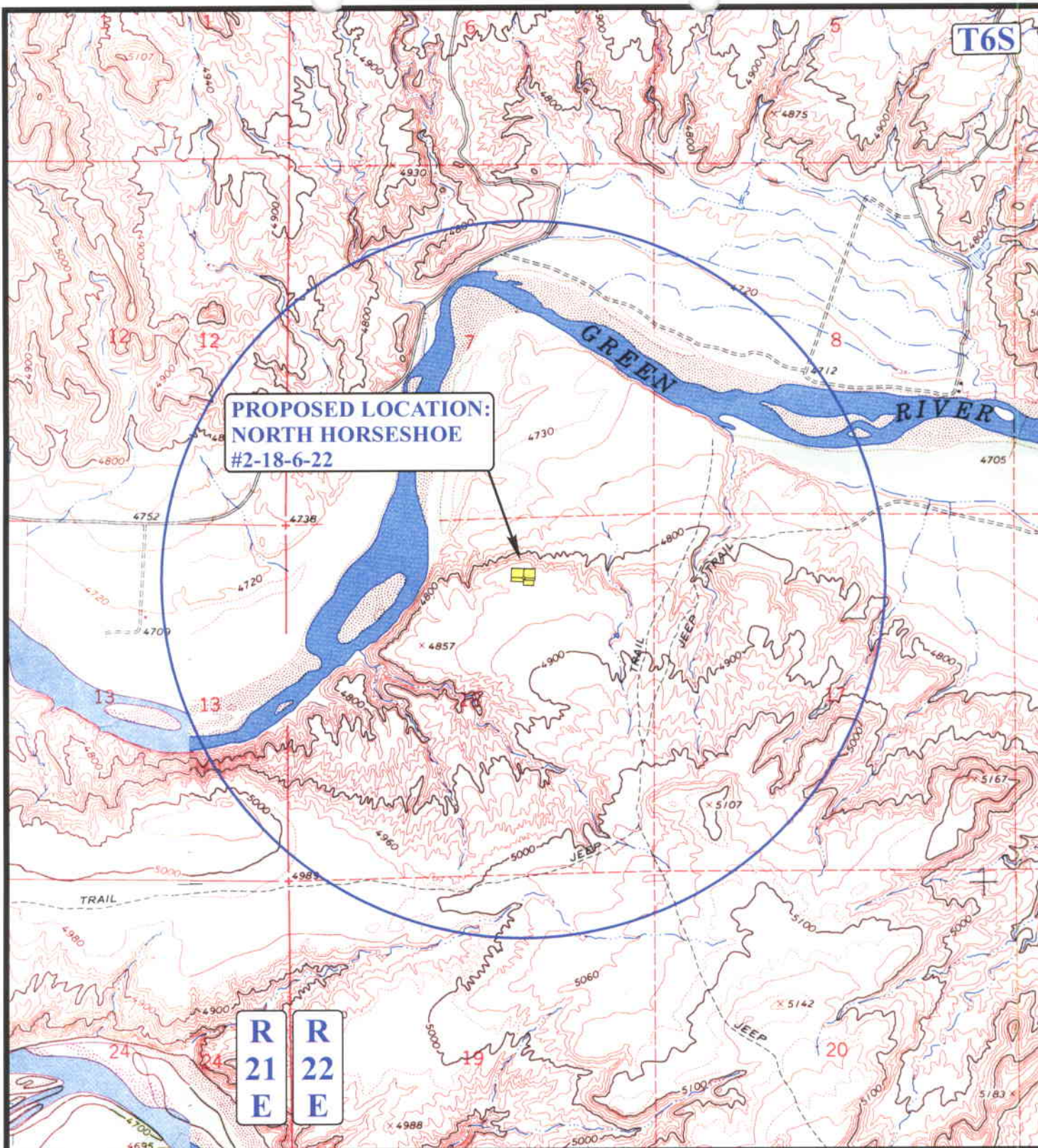
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# LEGEND:

- DISPOSAL WELLS
- PRODUCING WELLS
- SHUT IN WELLS
- WATER WELLS
- ABANDONED WELLS
- TEMPORARILY ABANDONED



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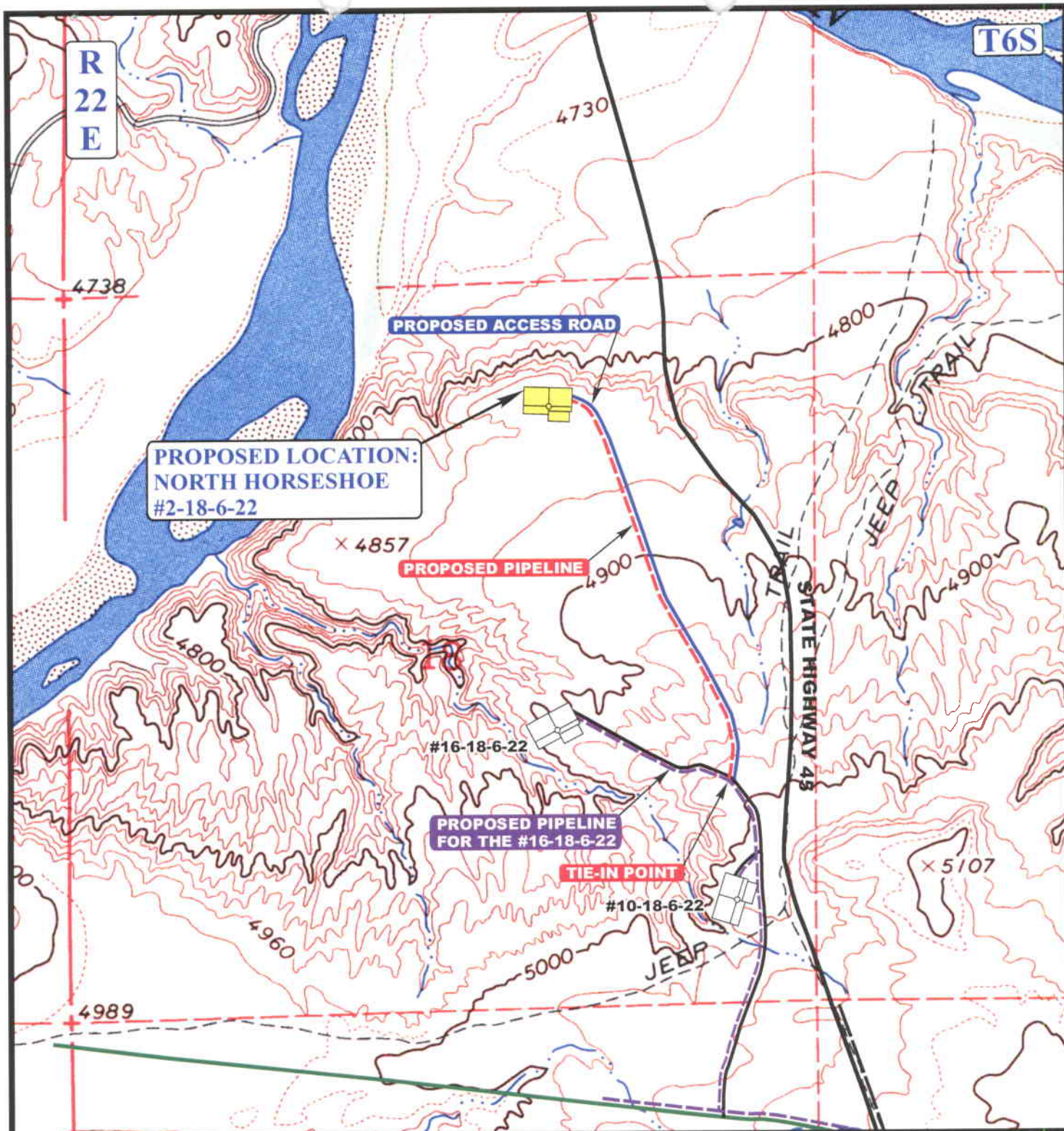
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**APPROXIMATE TOTAL PIPELINE DISTANCE = 2,950' +/-**

**LEGEND:**

- PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD
- EXISTING PIPELINE
- - - - - PROPOSED PIPELINE
- - - - - PROPOSED PIPELINE (SERVICING OTHER WELLS)



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**WORKSHEET**  
**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL**

APD RECEIVED: 03/09/2006

API NO. ASSIGNED: 43-047-37889

WELL NAME: N HORSESHOE 2-18-6-22

OPERATOR: HOUSTON EXPLORATION CO, ( N2525 )

CONTACT: WILLIAM RYAN

PHONE NUMBER: 435-789-0968

**PROPOSED LOCATION:**

NWNE 18 060S 220E

SURFACE: 0952 FNL 1898 FEL

BOTTOM: 0952 FNL 1898 FEL

COUNTY: UINTAH

LATITUDE: 40.30380 LONGITUDE: -109.4824

UTM SURF EASTINGS: 628970 NORTHINGS: 4462371

FIELD NAME: WILDCAT ( 1 )

INSPECT LOCATN BY: / /

**Tech Review**

**Initials**

**Date**

Engineering

Geology

Surface

LEASE TYPE: 1 - Federal

LEASE NUMBER: UTU-76768

SURFACE OWNER: 1 - Federal

PROPOSED FORMATION: MVRD

COALBED METHANE WELL? NO

**RECEIVED AND/OR REVIEWED:**

☒ Plat

☒ Bond: Fed[1] Ind[] Sta[] Fee[]

(No. UTU-104155044 )

☒ Potash (Y/N)

☒ Oil Shale 190-5 (B) or 190-3 or 190-13

☒ Water Permit

(No. T-76073 )

☒ RDCC Review (Y/N)

(Date: \_\_\_\_\_ )

☒ Fee Surf Agreement (Y/N)

☒ Intent to Commingle (Y/N)

**LOCATION AND SITING:**

     R649-2-3.

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

     R649-3-2. General

Siting: 460 From Qtr/Qtr & 920' Between Wells

☒ R649-3-3. Exception

     Drilling Unit

Board Cause No: \_\_\_\_\_

Eff Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Siting: \_\_\_\_\_

     R649-3-11. Directional Drill

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

STIPULATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

*1- Federal Approval*  
*2- Spacing Strip*

N HORSESHOE 12-7-6-22

T6S R21E T6S R22E

N HORSESHOE 2-18-6-22

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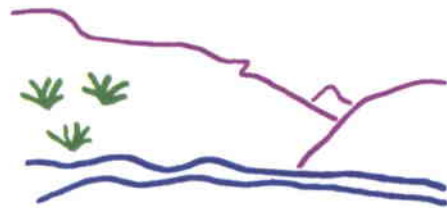
OPERATOR: THE HOUSTON EXPL (N2525)

SEC: 18 T. 6S R. 22E

FIELD: WILDCAT (001)

COUNTY: UINTAH

SPACING: R649-3-3 / EXCEPTION LOCATION



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**Field Status**

- ABANDONED
- ACTIVE
- COMBINED
- INACTIVE
- PROPOSED
- STORAGE
- TERMINATED

**Unit Status**

- EXPLORATORY
- GAS STORAGE
- NF PP OIL
- NF SECONDARY
- PENDING
- PI OIL
- PP GAS
- PP GEOTHERML
- PP OIL
- SECONDARY
- TERMINATED

**Wells Status**

- GAS INJECTION
- GAS STORAGE
- LOCATION ABANDONED
- NEW LOCATION
- PLUGGED & ABANDONED
- PRODUCING GAS
- PRODUCING OIL
- SHUT-IN GAS
- SHUT-IN OIL
- TEMP. ABANDONED
- TEST WELL
- WATER INJECTION
- WATER SUPPLY
- WATER DISPOSAL
- DRILLING



PREPARED BY: DIANA WHITNEY  
DATE: 13-MARCH-2006



**State of Utah**

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March 13, 2006

Houston Exploration Company  
1100 Louisiana, Suite 2000  
Houston, TX 77002

Re: North Horseshoe 2-18-6-22 Well, 952' FNL, 1898' FEL, NW NE, Sec. 18,  
T. 6 South, R. 22 East, Uintah County, Utah

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-1 *et seq.*, Utah Administrative Code R649-3-1 *et seq.*, and the attached Conditions of Approval, approval to drill the referenced well is granted.

Appropriate information has been submitted to DOGM and administrative approval of the requested exception location is hereby granted.

This approval shall expire one year from the above date unless substantial and continuous operation is underway, or a request for extension is made prior to the expiration date. The API identification number assigned to this well is 43-047-37889.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gil Hunt".

Gil Hunt  
Associate Director

pab  
Enclosures

cc: Uintah County Assessor  
Bureau of Land Management, Vernal District Office



**Operator:** Houston Exploration Company  
**Well Name & Number** North Horseshoe 2-18-6-22  
**API Number:** 43-047-37889  
**Lease:** UTU-76768

**Location:** NW NE                      **Sec.** 18                      **T.** 6 South                      **R.** 22 East

### **Conditions of Approval**

**1. General**

Compliance with the requirements of Utah Admin. R. 649-1 *et seq.*, the Oil and Gas Conservation General Rules, and the applicable terms and provisions of the approved Application for permit to drill.

**2. Notification Requirements**

Notify the Division within 24 hours of spudding the well.

- Contact Carol Daniels at (801) 538-5284.

Notify the Division prior to commencing operations to plug and abandon the well.

- Contact Dan Jarvis at (801) 538-5338

**3. Reporting Requirements**

All required reports, forms and submittals will be promptly filed with the Division, including but not limited to the Entity Action Form (Form 6), Report of Water Encountered During Drilling (Form 7), Weekly Progress Reports for drilling and completion operations, and Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells requesting approval of change of plans or other operational actions.

**4. State approval of this well does not supersede the required federal approval, which must be obtained prior to drilling.**

**5. This proposed well is located in an area for which drilling units (well spacing patterns) have not been established through an order of the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (the "Board"). In order to avoid the possibility of waste or injury to correlative rights, the operator is requested, once the well has been drilled, completed, and has produced, to analyze geological and engineering data generated therefrom, as well as any similar data from surrounding areas if available. As soon as is practicable after completion of its analysis, and if the analysis suggests an area larger than the quarter-quarter section upon which the well is located is being drained, the operator is requested to seek an appropriate order from the Board establishing drilling and spacing units in conformance with such analysis by filing a Request for Agency Action with the Board.**

# **Ten Point Plan**

**The Houston Exploration Company**

**North Horseshoe 2-18-6-22**

**Surface Location NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,**

**Section 18, T. 6S., R. 22E.**

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1. **Surface Formation**  
**Uintah**

2. **Estimated Formation Tops and Datum:**

<u>Formation</u>		<u>Depth</u>	<u>Datum</u>
Uintah		Surface	4,869' G.R.
Green River		3,800'	1,069'
Birds Nest	Water	4,000'	869'
Wasatch	Oil/Gas	6,900'	-2,031'
Mesaverde	Oil/Gas	10,000'	-5,131'
TD		10,500'	-5,631'

A 17 ½" hole will be drilled to 4,000' +/- . The hole depth will depend on the depth that the Birds Nest Zone is encountered. The hole will be drilled 400' beyond the top of the Birds Nest. All fresh water and oil and gas bearing zones shall be protected by casing and cement program.

3. **Producing Formation Depth:**

Formation objective includes the Wasatch, Mesaverde and their sub-members.

4. **Proposed Casing:**

<u>Hole Size</u>	<u>Casing Size</u>	<u>Weight/FT</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Coupling &amp; Tread</u>	<u>Casing Depth</u>	<u>New/Used</u>
30	26	68.75#	A430		40'	NEW
24	20	94#	H-40	ST&C	350'	NEW
17 ½	13 3/8	72#	N-80	ST&C	4,000'	NEW
12 ¼	9 5/8	53.5#	N-80	LT&C	6,900'	NEW
7 7/8	4 ½	11.6#	P-110	LT&C	9,400'	NEW
7 7/8	4 ½	13.5#	P-110	LT&C	10,500'	NEW

**Cement Program:**

**Conductor casing #1 will be cemented as follows from 0'-40':**

**Note: Cement Volume = Gauge hole + 50%**

<u>Casing Size</u>	<u>Cement Type</u>	<u>Cement Amounts</u>	<u>Cement Yield</u>	<u>Water Mix</u>	<u>Cement Weight</u>
Lead:					
26	Portland CMT Class IA 4 Integral Air-entraining Agent	42 sks +/-	1.15ft³/sk	5	15.8 ppg

**Conductor casing #2 will be cemented as follows from 0'- 350':**

**Cement volume = Gauge hole + 50%**

<u>Casing Size</u>	<u>Cement Type</u>	<u>Cement Amounts</u>	<u>Cement Yield</u>	<u>Water Mix</u>	<u>Cement Weight</u>
Lead: 20	Portland CMT Class "G" 2% Calcium Chloride 1/4#/sk Flocele	247 sks +/-	1.5ft <sup>3</sup> /sk	5	15.8 ppg

**The Surface Casing will be cemented as follows from 0'- 4,000':**

**Cement volume = Gauge hole + 25%**

<u>Casing Size</u>	<u>Cement Type</u>	<u>Cement Amounts</u>	<u>Cement Yield</u>	<u>Water Mix</u>	<u>Cement Weight</u>
Lead: 13 3/8"	Premium "5" 16% Gel 10#/sk Gilsonite 3% Salt 3#/sk GB3	855 sks. +/-	3.82ft <sup>3</sup> /sk	23	11.0 ppg
Tail: 13 3/8"	Class "G" 2% Calcium Chloride 0.25#/sk Flocele	294 sks. +/-	1.18ft <sup>3</sup> /sk	5	15.6 ppg
Top Job:	Class "G" 4% Calcium Chloride 0.25#/sk Flocele	10-200 sks. +/-	1.15ft <sup>3</sup> /sk	5	15.8 ppg

**Intermediate casing will be cemented as follows from 3,800'- 6,900':**

**Cement volume = Gauge hole + 25%**

<u>Casing Size</u>	<u>Cement Type</u>	<u>Cement Amounts</u>	<u>Cement Yield</u>	<u>Water Mix</u>	<u>Cement Weight</u>
Lead: 9 5/8"	50/50 POZ'G 5% Salt (BWOW) 0.6% HALAD 322 0.25#/sk Flowcele 0.2% Super CBL 2% Micro Bond	955 sks +/-	1.25ft <sup>3</sup> /sk	5.26	14.35 ppg



**Production casing will be cemented as follows from 6,700' - 10,500:**

**Note: Lead should be 200' above the Wasatch.**

**Cement volume = Gauge hole + 25%**

<u>Casing</u> <u>Depth</u>	<u>Casing</u> <u>Size</u>	<u>Cement</u> <u>Type</u>	<u>Cement</u> <u>Amounts</u>	<u>Cement</u> <u>Yield</u>	<u>Water</u> <u>Mix</u>	<u>Cement</u> <u>Weight</u>
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Lead:

4 1/2	PREM.AG300 50/50 POZ "G" CMT 2% Gel 0.4% Halad 344 0.25% HR-12 0.2% CFR-3 5#/sk Sillicalite 20% SSA-1 0.25#/sk Flowcele 0.2% Super CBL	634 sks +/-	1.73ft <sup>3</sup> /sk	8.17	13.5 ppg
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**5. BOP and Pressure Containment Data:**

A 5000-psi WP BOP system as described in the BOP and Pressure Containment Data (attached) will be installed and maintained from the 13 3/8" surface casing. An upper kelly cock to the required pressure rating with a handle available shall be employed.

The BOP system including the casing will be pressure tested to minimum standards set forth in "On Shore Order #2". The BOP will be mechanically checked daily during the drilling operation.

**6. Mud Program:**

<u>Interval</u>	<u>Mud weight</u> <u>lbs./gal.</u>	<u>Viscosity</u> <u>Sec./OT.</u>	<u>Fluid Loss</u> <u>MI/30 Mins.</u>	<u>Mud Type</u>
0-2000	Air/Clear Water	-----	No Control	Water/Gel
4,000-T.D.	8.4-12.0	30-45	8-10	LSND

water based mud system

**Note:** Mud weights may exceed 12.0 due to solids increasing at or near T.D. Increased weights are not required to control formation pressure. Operator will have on location sufficient mud and weight material to increase mud weight to 12.0 at any time while drilling the subject well. Visual mud monitoring incorporating pit level indicators shall be used.

## **7. Testing, Coring, Sampling and Logging:**

- a) DST: None are anticipated.
- b) Coring: There is the possibility of sidewall coring.
- c) Mud Sampling: Every 10' from 4,000' to T.D.
- d) Logging:

Type	Interval
DLL/SFL W/GR and SP	T.D. to Surf. Csg
FDC/CNL W/GR and CAL	T.D. to Surf. Csg

## **8. Abnormalities (including sour gas)**

Anticipated bottom hole pressure will be less than 5000 psi. No abnormal pressures, temperatures or other hazards are anticipated. Other wells drilled in the area have not encountered over pressured zones or H<sub>2</sub>S.

## **9. Other facets of the proposed operation:**

**Off set well information**

**None**

## **10. Drilling Schedule:**

The anticipated starting date is 5/20/2006. Duration of operations is expected to be 30 days.

STATE OF UTAH  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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FORM 9

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

Do not use this form for proposals to drill new wells, significantly deepen existing wells below current bottom-hole depth, reenter plugged wells, or to drill horizontal laterals. Use APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL form for such proposals.

1. TYPE OF WELL	OIL WELL <input type="checkbox"/>	GAS WELL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OTHER _____	5. LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NUMBER: UTU-76768
2. NAME OF OPERATOR: The Houston Exploration Company				6. IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME:
3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR: 1100 Louisiana, Suite 2000 CITY Houston STATE TX ZIP 77002				7. UNIT or CA AGREEMENT NAME:
4. LOCATION OF WELL FOOTAGES AT SURFACE: 952' FNL & 1898' FEL QTR/QTR, SECTION, TOWNSHIP, RANGE, MERIDIAN: NWNE 18 6S 22E				8. WELL NAME and NUMBER: North Horseshoe 2-18-6-22 9. API NUMBER: 4304737889
				10. FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT: Undesignated
				COUNTY: Uintah STATE: UTAH

11. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA

TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOTICE OF INTENT (Submit in Duplicate) Approximate date work will start: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> ACIDIZE	<input type="checkbox"/> DEEPEN	<input type="checkbox"/> REPERFORATE CURRENT FORMATION
	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTER CASING	<input type="checkbox"/> FRACTURE TREAT	<input type="checkbox"/> SIDETRACK TO REPAIR WELL
	<input type="checkbox"/> CASING REPAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW CONSTRUCTION	<input type="checkbox"/> TEMPORARILY ABANDON
	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE TO PREVIOUS PLANS	<input type="checkbox"/> OPERATOR CHANGE	<input type="checkbox"/> TUBING REPAIR
	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE TUBING	<input type="checkbox"/> PLUG AND ABANDON	<input type="checkbox"/> VENT OR FLARE
<input type="checkbox"/> SUBSEQUENT REPORT (Submit Original Form Only) Date of work completion: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE WELL NAME	<input type="checkbox"/> PLUG BACK	<input type="checkbox"/> WATER DISPOSAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE WELL STATUS	<input type="checkbox"/> PRODUCTION (START/RESUME)	<input type="checkbox"/> WATER SHUT-OFF
	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMINGLE PRODUCING FORMATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> RECLAMATION OF WELL SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <u>Extension</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> CONVERT WELL TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOMPLETE - DIFFERENT FORMATION	

12. DESCRIBE PROPOSED OR COMPLETED OPERATIONS. Clearly show all pertinent details including dates, depths, volumes, etc.

Operator respectfully requests to extend approval for the subject location for one year.

Approved by the  
Utah Division of  
Oil, Gas and Mining

Date: 02-28-07  
By: [Signature]

3-1-07  
RM

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) <u>Ginger Stringham</u>	TITLE <u>Regulatory Agent</u>
SIGNATURE <u>[Signature]</u>	DATE <u>2/26/2007</u>

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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

**Application for Permit to Drill  
Request for Permit Extension  
Validation**

(this form should accompany the Sundry Notice requesting permit extension)

**API:** 4304737889  
**Well Name:** North Horseshoe 2-18-6-22  
**Location:** Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 22 East NWNE  
**Company Permit Issued to:** The Houston Exploration Company  
**Date Original Permit Issued:** 3/13/2006

The undersigned as owner with legal rights to drill on the property as permitted above, hereby verifies that the information as submitted in the previously approved application to drill, remains valid and does not require revision.

Following is a checklist of some items related to the application, which should be verified.

If located on private land, has the ownership changed, if so, has the surface agreement been updated? Yes ☐ No ☒

Have any wells been drilled in the vicinity of the proposed well which would affect the spacing or siting requirements for this location? Yes ☐ No ☒

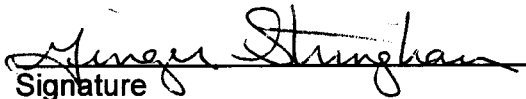
Has there been any unit or other agreements put in place that could affect the permitting or operation of this proposed well? Yes ☐ No ☒

Have there been any changes to the access route including ownership, or right-of-way, which could affect the proposed location? Yes ☐ No ☒

Has the approved source of water for drilling changed? Yes ☐ No ☒

Have there been any physical changes to the surface location or access route which will require a change in plans from what was discussed at the onsite evaluation? Yes ☐ No ☒

Is bonding still in place, which covers this proposed well? Yes ☒ No ☐

  
Signature

2/26/2007

Date

Title: Regulatory Agent

Representing: The Houston Exploration Company

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**Division of Oil, Gas and Mining**  
**OPERATOR CHANGE WORKSHEET**

**ROUTING**

1. DJJ

2. CDW

Change of Operator (Well Sold)

**X - Operator Merger**

The operator of the well(s) listed below has changed, effective:

**6/1/2007**

**FROM: (Old Operator):**

N2525 - The Houston Exploration Company  
 1100 Louisiana, Suite 2000  
 Houston, TX 77002

Phone: 1-(713) 830-6800

**TO: ( New Operator):**

N6965-Forest Oil Corporation  
 707 17th St, Suite 3600  
 Denver, CO 80202

Phone: 1 (303) 812-1755

**CA No.**

**Unit:**

WELL NAME	SEC	TWN	RNG	API NO	ENTITY NO	LEASE TYPE	WELL TYPE	WELL STATUS
SEE ATTACHED LIST								

**OPERATOR CHANGES DOCUMENTATION**

Enter date after each listed item is completed

- (R649-8-10) Sundry or legal documentation was received from the **FORMER** operator on: 7/30/2007
- (R649-8-10) Sundry or legal documentation was received from the **NEW** operator on: 7/30/2007
- The new company was checked on the **Department of Commerce, Division of Corporations Database** on: 7/31/2007
- a. Is the new operator registered in the State of Utah: Business Number: 571171-0143
- b. If **NO**, the operator was contacted on: \_\_\_\_\_
- a. (R649-9-2)Waste Management Plan has been received on: IN PLACE
- b. Inspections of LA PA state/fee well sites complete on: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Reports current for Production/Disposition & Sundries on: YES
- Federal and Indian Lease Wells:** The BLM and or the BIA has approved the merger, name change, or operator change for all wells listed on Federal or Indian leases on: BLM 7/31/2007 BIA
- Federal and Indian Units:**  
 The BLM or BIA has approved the successor of unit operator for wells listed on: n/a
- Federal and Indian Communization Agreements ("CA"):**  
 The BLM or BIA has approved the operator for all wells listed within a CA on: n/a
- Underground Injection Control ("UIC")** The Division has approved UIC Form 5, **Transfer of Authority to Inject**, for the enhanced/secondary recovery unit/project for the water disposal well(s) listed on: n/a

**DATA ENTRY:**

- Changes entered in the **Oil and Gas Database** on: 8/27/2007
- Changes have been entered on the **Monthly Operator Change Spread Sheet** on: 8/27/2007
- Bond information entered in RBDMS on: 8/27/2007
- Fee/State wells attached to bond in RBDMS on: 8/27/2007
- Injection Projects to new operator in RBDMS on: n/a
- Receipt of Acceptance of Drilling Procedures for APD/New on: 7/30/2007

**BOND VERIFICATION:**

- Federal well(s) covered by Bond Number: 6236351
- Indian well(s) covered by Bond Number: n/a
- a. (R649-3-1) The **NEW** operator of any fee well(s) listed covered by Bond Number 6218963
- b. The **FORMER** operator has requested a release of liability from their bond on: not yet

**LEASE INTEREST OWNER NOTIFICATION:**

- (R649-2-10) The **FORMER** operator of the fee wells has been contacted and informed by a letter from the Division of their responsibility to notify all interest owners of this change on: 8/1/2007

**COMMENTS:**

STATE OF UTAH  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

FORM 9

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

Do not use this form for proposals to drill new wells, significantly deepen existing wells below current bottom-hole depth, reenter plugged wells, or to drill horizontal laterals. Use APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL form for such proposals.

1. TYPE OF WELL OIL WELL <input type="checkbox"/> GAS WELL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____		5. LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NUMBER: See Attached List
2. NAME OF OPERATOR: Forest Oil Corporation <i>N6965</i>		6. IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME:
3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR: 707 17th Street, #3600 CITY Denver, STATE CO ZIP 80202		7. UNIT or CA AGREEMENT NAME:
4. LOCATION OF WELL FOOTAGES AT SURFACE: See attached list		8. WELL NAME and NUMBER: See Attached List
5. PHONE NUMBER: (303) 812-1755		9. API NUMBER: various
6. QTR/QTR, SECTION, TOWNSHIP, RANGE, MERIDIAN:		10. FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT:
7. COUNTY:		8. STATE: UTAH

11. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA			
TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION		
<input type="checkbox"/> NOTICE OF INTENT (Submit in Duplicate) Approximate date work will start: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> ACIDIZE	<input type="checkbox"/> DEEPEN	<input type="checkbox"/> REPERFORATE CURRENT FORMATION
	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTER CASING	<input type="checkbox"/> FRACTURE TREAT	<input type="checkbox"/> SIDETRACK TO REPAIR WELL
	<input type="checkbox"/> CASING REPAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW CONSTRUCTION	<input type="checkbox"/> TEMPORARILY ABANDON
	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE TO PREVIOUS PLANS	<input type="checkbox"/> OPERATOR CHANGE	<input type="checkbox"/> TUBING REPAIR
	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE TUBING	<input type="checkbox"/> PLUG AND ABANDON	<input type="checkbox"/> VENT OR FLARE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUBSEQUENT REPORT (Submit Original Form Only) Date of work completion: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE WELL NAME	<input type="checkbox"/> PLUG BACK	<input type="checkbox"/> WATER DISPOSAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE WELL STATUS	<input type="checkbox"/> PRODUCTION (START/RESUME)	<input type="checkbox"/> WATER SHUT-OFF
	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMINGLE PRODUCING FORMATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> RECLAMATION OF WELL SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <u>Change of Operator</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> CONVERT WELL TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOMPLETE - DIFFERENT FORMATION	

12. DESCRIBE PROPOSED OR COMPLETED OPERATIONS. Clearly show all pertinent details including dates, depths, volumes, etc.

*N2525*  
Effective 6/1/2007 please change the operator for the attached list of Utah wells from The Houston Exploration Company N-2525 to Forest Oil Corporation (N-6965). Forest merged with The Houston Exploration Company, a copy of the merger document is attached.. The contract operated wells will continue to be contract operated by Enduring.

Forest Oil Corporation as new operator, accepts all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations and restrictions concerning approved operations conducted on the lease or portion of the lease described.

Forest Oil Corporation meets the State of Utah bonding requirements under Safeco bond #6218963.

Please send all future correspondence to Forest Oil Corporation at the above listed address.

Forest Oil Corporation, 707 17th Street, Suite #3600, Denver, CO 80202

*JCR*  
J. C. Ridens, Senior Vice President - Western Region

*7-5-07*  
Date

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) <u>Joanne C. Hresko</u>	TITLE <u>Vice President &amp; General Mgr. - Northern Division</u>
SIGNATURE <i>Joanne C. Hresko</i>	DATE <u>7-5-07</u>

(This space for State use only)

APPROVED *8127107*  
*Earlene Russell*  
(5/2000) Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
Earlene Russell, Engineering Technician

*All wells with APD or New status*  
(See Instructions on Reverse Side)

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N HORSESHOE 7-16-6-21	16	060S	210E	4304737438		State	GW	APD	C
N HORSESHOE 9-16-6-21	16	060S	210E	4304737439		State	GW	APD	C
N HORSESHOE 15-16-6-21	16	060S	210E	4304737440		State	GW	APD	C
N HORSESHOE 11-16-6-21	16	060S	210E	4304737441		State	GW	APD	C
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N HORSESHOE 16-7-6-22	07	060S	220E	4304739320		Federal	GW	APD	C
SQUAW RIDGE 8-16-7-25	16	070S	250E	4304738024		State	GW	NEW	C



**STATE OF UTAH**  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

**Request to Transfer Application or Permit to Drill**

(This form should accompany a Sundry Notice, Form 9, requesting APD transfer)

<b>Well name:</b>	N Horseshoe 2-18-6-22
<b>API number:</b>	4304737889
<b>Location:</b>	Qtr-Qtr: NWNE    Section: 18    Township: 6S    Range: 22E
<b>Company that filed original application:</b>	The Houston Exploration Company
<b>Date original permit was issued:</b>	03/13/2006
<b>Company that permit was issued to:</b>	The Houston Exploration Company

Check one	Desired Action:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Transfer pending (unapproved) Application for Permit to Drill to new operator</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The undersigned as owner with legal rights to drill on the property, hereby verifies that the information as submitted in the pending Application for Permit to Drill, remains valid and does not require revision. The new owner of the application accepts and agrees to the information and procedures as stated in the application.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Transfer approved Application for Permit to Drill to new operator</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The undersigned as owner with legal rights to drill on the property as permitted, hereby verifies that the information as submitted in the previously approved application to drill, remains valid and does not require revision.

Following is a checklist of some items related to the application, which should be verified.	Yes	No
If located on private land, has the ownership changed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> If so, has the surface agreement been updated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have any wells been drilled in the vicinity of the proposed well which would affect the spacing or siting requirements for this location?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have there been any unit or other agreements put in place that could affect the permitting or operation of this proposed well?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have there been any changes to the access route including ownership or right-of-way, which could affect the proposed location?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has the approved source of water for drilling changed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have there been any physical changes to the surface location or access route which will require a change in plans from what was discussed at the onsite evaluation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is bonding still in place, which covers this proposed well? Bond No. <u>6218963</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any desired or necessary changes to either a pending or approved Application for Permit to Drill that is being transferred, should be filed on a Sundry Notice, Form 9, or amended Application for Permit to Drill, Form 3, as appropriate, with necessary supporting information as required.

Name (please print) Tami Hofmann Title Regulatory Specialist  
Signature *Tami Hofmann* Date 08/02/2007  
Representing (company name) Forest Oil Corporation

The person signing this form must have legal authority to represent the company or individual(s) to be listed as the new operator on the Application for Permit to Drill.



JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR.  
Governor

GARY R. HERBERT  
Lieutenant Governor

# State of Utah

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MICHAEL R. STYLER  
Executive Director

### Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

JOHN R. BAZA  
Division Director

April 29, 2008

Ginger Bowden  
The Houston Exploration Co.  
1100 Louisiana, Suite 2000  
Houston, TX 77002

Re: APD Rescinded – North Horseshoe 2-18-6-22 Sec. 18, T. 6S, R. 22E  
Uintah County, Utah API No. 43-047-37889

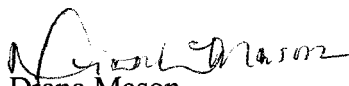
Dear Ms. Bowden:

The Application for Permit to Drill (APD) for the subject well was approved by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (the Division) on March 13, 2006. On February 28, 2007, the Division granted a one-year APD extension. No drilling activity at this location has been reported to the division. Therefore, approval to drill this well is hereby rescinded, effective April 29, 2008.

A new APD must be filed with this office for approval prior to the commencement of any future work on the subject locations.

If any previously unreported operations have been performed on this well location, it is imperative that you notify the Division immediately.

Sincerely,

  
Diana Mason  
Environmental Scientist

cc: Well File  
Bureau of Land Management, Vernal



# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Green River District-Vernal Field Office  
170 South 500 East  
Vernal, UT 84078  
(435) 781-4400 Fax: (435) 781-4410  
<http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/vernal.html>

IN REPLY REFER TO:

3160  
UTG011

October 1, 2009

Charles A. Rasey  
Forest Oil Corporation  
707 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3600  
Denver, CO 80202

Re: Notice of Lease Expiration  
Well No. North Horseshoe 2-18-6-22  
NWNE, Sec. 18, T6S, R22E  
Uintah County, Utah  
Lease No. UTU-76768  
(North Horseshoe Bend Unit Invalidated,  
effective August 3, 2009.)

Dear Mr. Rasey:

The Application for Permit to Drill for the above-referenced well received in this office on March 8, 2006 is being returned unapproved. According to our records, Federal Lease UTU-76768 has expired by its own terms and conditions, effective September 30, 2009. In view of the foregoing, this office is returning the referenced unapproved Application for Permit to Drill due to the lease expiration.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (435) 781-4455.

Sincerely,

*Cindy Severson*

Cindy Severson  
Land Law Examiner

cc: UDOGM

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